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REMARKS

The Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated April 13, 2005 and the reference cited therein. Claims 1-4, 7-9 and 11 have been amended. Claims 10 and 12-20 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-9 and 11 are currently pending.

Claims 1-7, 9, 10 12-18, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goldberg et al. (5,742,509). However, Applicants assert that amended claim 1 overcomes this rejection for the following reasons.

Golberg discloses a tracking system integrated with a base station, and a watson communication device mounted on a vehicle. The watson communication device includes a location determination means, a microprocessor, a modem, and a communication means connected to the modem. Golberg also discloses a method of changing the configuration of the watson device including a step of turning off the vehicle's engine.

However, claim 1 recites a tracking system for locating a vehicle with a device mounted on the vehicle that includes a microprocessor control module and at least one cut-off module connected to and powered by existing conductor wires of the vehicle, which can disable a critical component of the vehicle to prevent engine starting by an unauthorized user, and wherein the at least one cut-off module is controlled by a high frequency carrier signal sent by the microprocessor control module and carried by the existing conductor wires of the vehicle.

In contradistinction, the carrier signal disclosed in Golberg is transmitted in the air between the watson device and the base station. Goldberg does not teach or suggest carrying a high frequency carrier signal through the existing conductor wires of the vehicle in order to control a cut-off module of a vehicle.

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Applicants assert that Golberg does not have the advantage identified in page 9 of the present description, namely that since there is no wiring from the main control to the cut-off modules, it becomes very difficult to an unauthorized person to locate and disable them.

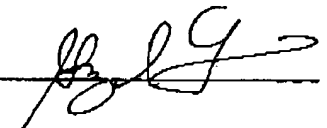
For these reasons, Applicants assert that Goldberg does not teach or suggest claim 1.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at 514.987.6242.

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